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AMENDMENT BEFORE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Prior to issuance of the first Office Action in the above-identified application, kindly enter the following:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Enclosed herewith for the Examiner's approval are amendments to Figures 10 and 16, wherein reference numeral 13 is added to Figure 10 and reference numeral 9 is added to Figure 16. Support for these amendments may be found in specification paragraphs [0067], lines 7 and 8, and [0079], line 4, respectively.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows. Marked-Up copies of the amended paragraphs are enclosed herewith.

Please amend paragraph [0089] as follows:

[0089] A packaging bag of a low-melting heat seal type shown in FIG. 1 was fabricated by using a polyester film having a thickness of 20 μm as an oriented film (outer material) and a polyethylene film having a thickness of 40 μm as a cast film